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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES RESPONSE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REF
DEPTEL WOULD RUN SERIOUS RISK OF LEAVING SLOVENIAN
LEADERS FEELING SLIGHTED. FOR SOME TIME NOW WE HAVE
MADE A POINT RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANCE OF YUGOSLAV
FEDERAL STRUCTURE AND IMPORTANCE OF REPUBLICAN/PROVINCIAL
GOVERNMENTS IN SCHEME OF THINGS HERE. EMBASSY TRAVEL,
INCLUDING THAT OF AMBASSADOR, HAS BEEN STRUCTURED TO
DEMONSTRATE OUR RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE OF REPUBLICS'
ROLE. OPENING US INFORMATION CENTERS IN REPUBLICAN
CAPITOLS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE THIS RECOGNITION.

2. AT A MINIMUM, WE WOULD THINK DEPT SHOULD BE ABLE TO
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OBTAIN SOME NOMINAL HOST FOR VISIT OF MARINC DELEGATION

IF NOT GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE PERHAPS AN INDIVIDUAL
GOVERNOR (E.G., GOVERNOR MOORE OF WEST VIRGINIA WHO
VISITED HERE LAST YEAR; GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK--
NY STATE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION WAS GIVEN ROYAL TREATMENT
IN BELGRADE; GOVERNOR SHAPP OF PENNSYLVANIA, WHEREIN RESIDES
A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SLOVENIAN ETHNICS).

3. MARINC, AS PRIME MINISTER OF AN ECONOMICALLY ADVANCED
REPUBLIC WHICH HAS LONG HAD STRONG WESTERN ORIENTATION
AND CLOSE AND EXPANDING ECONOMIC TIES WITH US, SHOULD RECEIVE
ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON WHICH ACCORDS WITH HIS IMPORTANCE
EVEN THOUGH VISIT IS NOT OFFICIAL. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD
BE VALUABLE FROM STANDPOINT US ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLICY
INTERESTS HERE IF SECRETARY DENT WERE TO MEET WITH HIM, AS
WELL AS EIB CHAIRMAN.

4. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT OF A HIGH-LEVEL YUGOSLAV
TO THE US SINCE THAT OF SIROTKOVIC MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, AND
ANYTHING LESS THAN A RECEPTION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL WILL
RUN A RISK OF OFFENDING NOT ONLY THE SLOVENIANS BUT THE
YUGOSLAV HEIRARCHY IN GENERAL.
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